THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) That the Services of Indian agents should be dispensed with to the extent possible has been the policy of the Ministry of Defence from as early as September, 1977. A comprehensive review of the policy concerning the employment of Indian agents by foreign suppliers was completed in 1989, and instructions applicable to all Government Departments were issued by the Ministry of Finance on 31st January, 1989. Suple-mentary instructions pertaining to all Departments of Ministry of Defence, the three Services, the Coast Guard and all the subordinate agencies and organisations under the administrative control of the Ministry were issue on 17th April, 1989.

Representations by College Teachers of Chandigarh regarding pay and Allowances

60. SHRl PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: "Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chandigarh College teachers have made several representations against change in their pay and allowances which has adversely affected them;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE, OF THE MINISTER OF STATE! IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chandigarh College teachers have been sanctioned revised UGC pay-scales w.e.f. 1-1-1986 with local allowances (HRA and CCA) on Central Government rates. The teachers have demanded that they may be allowed pay scales and Qocal allowances at Punjab Government rates. While the UGC pay scales and the Punjab pay scales are the same local allowances of the State are higher than the Central rates. The demand, of the teachers for higher local allowances at Punjab Government rates has been examined and found unacceptable on the pround that these allowances have to be on uniform basis for all U.T. employees in Chandigarh.

Non-Implementation of Selection Grades to private-manaeed Government Aided Colleare Teachers in Chandigarh

61. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that nvre thsn 700 teachers working in Private-Managed Government A'ded Cclkres tn Chandigarh are ertit'ed to senior snd selection grades;

(b) if so, what! are the reasons for not releasing these grades; and

(c) whether Government have moved in the matter and if so, by when such grades are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT fPROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Chandigarh Administration have issued orders on 26-2-90 for revising the pay scales of teaching personnel of the Government and Government aide-i colleges of the Union Territory Administration appli-cable from 1-1-1980. For grant of

Senior Scale/Selection Grade, cer- ' tain conditions as stipulated in the orders are required to be fulfilled. Most of the teachers working in the Government aided colleges do not fulfil stipulated conditions. The case.-of such teachers as are found eligible will be processed in due course by the Union Territory Administration.

Concluding Function of the French Festival in India

62, SHRl PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concluding function of the French Festival in India was held in January, 1990 in Delhi;

(b) what were the basis of preparing the lists of invitees to the concluding function; and

(c) what was the number of public men and officials, respectively, who were invited to the function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes Sir, on 18th and 19th January, 1990.

(b) Letters were issued to persons listed in the protocol list maintained by the Home Ministry, Heads of all Diplomatic Missions in Delhi, leading journalists and artistes, musicians and dancer from a list maintained by the TCCR|Sangeet Natak Akademi asking them to indicate their willingness to attend the function. Invitations were issued only to those who confirmed. also notice was given in the daily papers for the public to collect invitations from selected centres.

(c) Number of public men was approximately 3,000 and officials approximately 1,000.

Retirement **of Armed Forces Personne? including AMC Doctors**

63. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that armed forces personnel including AMC personnel, are retired much earlier than their counterparts in civil services with a view to retaining youth in the forces;

(b) if so, what are the schemes for utilising the services of Ex-AMC doctors after being relieved from Army; and

(c) whether such eX-AMC doctors are inducted direct into the Central Health Services, on priority basis, without going through a fresh selection test through UPSC; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA); (a) Yes, Sir, excepting in case of a few higher grades.

(b) Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) of Army Medical Corps on completion of ten years' continuied commissioned service are granted rehabilitation assistance oi Rs. 7.000. To assist ex-Army Medical Corps Officers in finding employment, biodata of such officers are fo-warded on request to hospitals and other employing agencies.

(c) Ex-Army Medical Corps doctors are allowed age relaxation frorr 3 to 10 years against prescribed age limit of 30 years for recruitment t(the Central Health Service through UPSC. Recruitment to the Centra